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Mr. John H. Carman, Chairman  
Montgomery County BRAC Implementation Committee  
101 Monroe Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of January 12 on behalf of the BRAC Implementation Committee regarding the revised Master Plan Update (MPU) for the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda. As always, I value the Committee's recommendations and appreciate the diligence and commitment of its members.

I will rely on the points the Committee has raised when I submit the County official comments to the National Capital Planning Commission. The points you have raised are consistent with long-term strategic goals we all share: to ensure that BRAC growth does not negatively impact traffic in the region so that the mission of the nation's world-class military medical center is not compromised.

I appreciate the Navy's sincere effort to respond to the community's concerns about the impacts of BRAC. This concern is reflected in the revisions to the Transportation Management Plan that have been included in the revised MPU. However, the BIC has recommended additional measures that I will include in the County's official comments.

The Navy must do all it can to encourage its personnel to utilize alternative modes of transportation rather than rely on single occupancy vehicles. In that regard, the federal government must construct the proposed new Metro entrance at the Navy Med campus; this project can succeed only if the Navy provides frequent shuttle bus service for its personnel and visitors from the Metro station to destinations throughout the campus. In addition, the Navy should provide shuttle bus service from outlying lots, and car pool drop-offs at NNMC gates on the west and south sides of the campus.

Again, please convey to the BRAC Implementation Committee my appreciation for its hard work and responsible approach to the important matters relating to BRAC.

Sincerely,

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